

A C C O U N T

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Great Success and Victory

T H A T T H E

GARISON in SLIGO

Has Obtained Over The

IRISH ARMY,

Friday the 20th of September, 1689. Together with the Exact Quantity of the Late King's Stores of Powder and Ammunition, and the Condition of the **IRISH** in general, With the Arrival of some Horse from **SCOTLAND**.

7. Octob. 1689.

Dundalk, the 28th of September, 1689.

ON September the 20th, our **INNISKELLEN** Garison at **SLIGO**, having an Account that the *Connaught* Forces, consisting of about 5000 Horse and Foot, commanded by Colonel *Kelley*, Colonel *Farrel*, and Colonel *Dillon*, who came, in Revenge, to Attack the Garison, and to Regain their former Loss, by suppressing and cutting off the said Garison. To this they were animated and encouraged by one *French* an Inhabitant of *Sligo*, and a Man of great Interest in that County. And, to this End, the *Irish* forthwith marched towards the *Carlue*, a considerable Post between *Coylough*, and the Plains of *Roscomon*; whence Firing at a great distance, making several Volleys, approached nearer and nearer, did no Execution: Our Men, not consisting of above 500 Horse and Foot, never moving nor firing till they came within Pistol-shot, did, on a sudden, pour in their Small-shot so thick upon them, that they immediately broke their whole Force, and forced them to retreat in the greatest Disorder and Confusion imaginable, flying towards the *Boyle*, were warmly pursued by our Foot; our Horse wheeling about, got into one End of the Town, whilst the Enemy was entering in at the other, where in the Church-yard, between both Parties of our Foot and Horse, above 300 of the Enemy were killed, and a great Number wounded; of our Men in all but Six killed, and Seven or Eight wounded. There were killed of the Enemy in this Action in all above 500 Men, besides a great many wounded. The three *Irish* Colonels that commanded them, and 150 more, Officers and Soldiers, were taken Prisoners, besides a Booty of about 10000

Head

Head of Black Cattel, belonging to the *Creaughs* of *Roscomon*, were taken by our victorious Men, and driven unto *Sligo*. God be praised for this Signal-Victory.

Last Night, for this Victory, our Army gave Three Volleys from our Batteries and Musquets.

This Account was written by Alderman Van-Humrick, one of the Commissaries of our Army in Ireland.

Christ Church, October 2d 1689

I Suppose, before this come to your hands, you will hear an Account from Colonel *Stewart*, Son to the Lord *Mountjoy*, (who left the Camp at *Dundalk* on Saturday last) of the great Defeat given by 500 of the *Inniskillen*, to 5000 of the *Irish*, killing 300 of them, and taking 300 Prisoners, Colonel *Dillon*, Colonel *O Farrel*, Colonel *Bourke*, and Colonel *Butler*, with several other Officers being Prisoners, and taking 10000 Head of Black Cattel.

This Morning I discoursed one *Peter Ward*, who lately came from *Dublin*, and made narrow Observations, whilst there, of the Condition of the *Irish*. He had an Intimacy with one of the Commissaries of the Stores, who has a very great Kindness for the Protestants. He assured him they were in very great want of Powder; that they sent 45 Barrels to *Carrickfergus*, 15 of which the French Men of War kept for their use, the Remainder was sent into the Town, when surrendered there was but little left; That they had but 230 Barrels in their Stores, and but 4 Shots a Man in their Camp; That they wanted Fire-Arms, having lost most of them at *Derry* and *Inniskillen*, which was the Reason for the Arming most of their Men with Scythes, Half-Pikes, and Skeins; That their Horse consisted of 7 Regiments, and 17 of Dragoons. Their best Horses were most of them spoiled, and those that remained, were ill for Service. They have 56 Regiments of Foot, many of them without Shoes and Stockings. They are much disheartened, and could not be induced to appear at the Camp, but for the Curse of the Clergy, if they refused. He told me that one Captain *Legallin* was shot at the Camp at *Drumconnough*, for Running away, or giving a False Word of Command, in Engaging the *Inniskillen* Men. At the time of his being shot, he desired all his Friends present to come up to him, and advised them that were in Arms to return, and not to engage longer, for that the Curse of God would blast all their Undertakings, and that it was in vain to fight against the *English*; That they should save themselves, by timely making Conditions, otherwise they and their Posterity would be ruined, and then was shot to Death. He denied the Fact laid to his Charge, but said he did to take off the Odium from *Hamilton*.

He tells me the Papists in *Dublin* shew much kindness to the Protestants, and that several of them spoke to him to befriend them if it lay in his Power, they gave themselves for a lost People, not having Aid sent from *France*. *Tryconnel* is very much against the Burning of *Dublin*, telling them it will but Exasperate the *English*, all the Papists in *Dublin* are of the same opinion. The French say the Late *K. J.* mind nothing but Shooting at Flies and Sparrows, and that he brought them to that Kingdom to be Murdered by the *Irish*, and they are in a deadly Feud.

Postscript. Since my writing the Above Letter, we have an Account from a Vessel come hither, that the Horse from Scotland Landed on Sunday at *Carrickfergus*, and that the Late King James is Decamped.

WITH ALLOWANCE.